

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0038] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0038]** Preferably, the barrier layer is cured at a temperature of up to ~~2" ,.f) 'C.~~  
230°C, preferably approximately about ~~170 'C~~ 170°C. The high temperature curing may be of short duration, such as corresponding to web speeds normally used in the packaging laminate production.